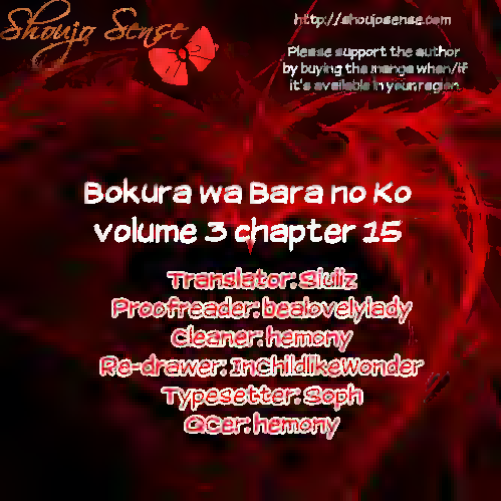
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Chapter 15

Since then, I've thought about it many times.

then...
HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
I'M FINE!
I-
HOW ABOUT KOJI-ROU'S HAND
THE BLEEDING STOPPED
...
IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW I GOT PRICKED...
IT-

...SEEMS SO.
WE REALLY WON'T DIE?
INORI,

EVEN IF THE FIRST TIME WON'T,
THE SECOND TIME WILL
LIKE A BEE STING?
Startled
DON'T
NO
BEING PRICKED ONLY ONCE WON'T KILL YOU
WHETHER IT'S YUKI-NARI
OR HIS REAL MOM,

I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
NO WAY!
BECAUSE WE PICKED THAT KID UP.
SO,
BECAUSE THAT KID IS HERE.
HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!
HEY!
HOW?
IF ONLY
THAT KID WOULD DISAP-PEAR...!!

STOP IT,
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
LATER,
SHE MIGHT PRICK SOMEONE AGAIN
WILL IT BE YOU GUYS OR YOUR FAMILY?
DON'T SAY ANYMORE!
IF WE NEED TO, NEXT TIME, WE'LL TELL BARAKO NOT TO DO IT...
IF YOU NEED TO
INORI
IS IT OKAY IF ARIKA DIES?
WE HAVE TO GET RID OF HER.

I WON'T LET YOU GUYS HELP.
I'LL DO IT ALONE.
ONLY I CAN HANDLE IT.
YUKI-NARI—
WAIT,
INORI.
I WAS THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO KEEP HER.
IT WAS ME.

I'M SORRY, EVERY-ONE.
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT ..
BEFORE BARAKO KILLS EV-ERYONE,
BEFORE PEOPLE WHO
YOU AND I TREASURE
GET KILLED BY BARAKO-
I'LL FINISH HER.

STUPID YUKINARI
I TOLD YOU THEN,
IT'S OKAY... TO GET EVERYONE INVOLVED.
DID YOU FORGET ALREADY?
I-
I ALSO SAID IT IN THE BEGINNING
I WILL HELP-
I-
I... ALSO ASKED YOU TO LET ME HELP-
... WE DECIDED ON IT TOGETHER.
"We will raise you together!"

...
SO...
THERE'S NO WAY
THAT IT'S ONLY YOUR RESPONSI-BILITY
GOSH
Ah.
Ugh.
Uh.
Uwah.
Uwahh.
Ah.

that we are about to do something so horrible.

LITTLE GIRL,
WHAT'S WRONG?

Adults will not understand
that what we are considering right now is this depressing;

THE THORNS ON MY ARMS
ARE GONE,
BUT
THE ONES ON MY HANDS HAVEN'T...
BARAKO
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR!
What's living here is
a dangerous species
with a human appear-ance.
BARAKO

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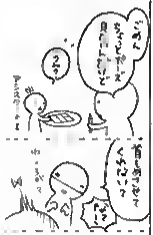


内容が内容だけにアシスタントさんへの要求も厳しい感じになりました。ちなみに

こんな体勢で下から撮ると10歳年老いた自分の顔が見れますよ。

現物写真です。

ON SATURDAY,

LET'S GO WATCH THE STARS TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE AGAIN

BUT ...

IT'S OKAY IF THE THORNS HAVEN'T ALL VANISHED YET.

JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH ANYONE.

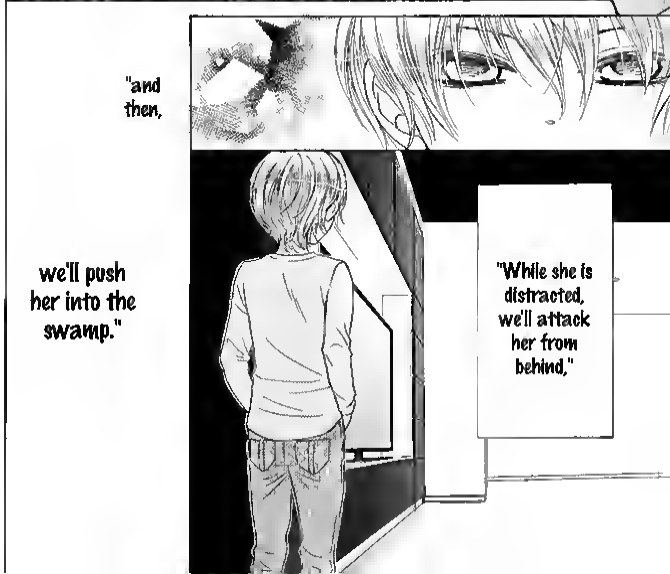
"Why?"...

That's what I wanted to ask.

I UNDERSTAND

Barako murmured it.

"Meet up at the secret hideout on Saturday at 4pm, and then bring Barako to the swamp in the restricted area in the hills."
"We'll throw her most beloved Tomato Man into the swamp."


"and then,
"While she is distracted, we'll attack her from behind,"
we'll push her into the swamp."

Or did she wish I would disappear from this world?
Was I a hindrance?
How did Mom feel when she was strangling me?
I'm about to do what Mom did.

Please don't forgive me.

I'll hurt Barako by doing this

and she will hate me,

like how I hated Mom back then.

Barako,

please.

LET'S WATCH THE STARS.
BARAKO, COME HERE.
I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I CAME OUT OF THE CLOSET.
EH?
YUKINARI WAS TALLER THAN ME THEN
THE FIRST TIME WE MET,
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU WERE STILL A TINY BABY...

I was really happy when you ate.
So,
YOU JUST STAYED IN THE CORNER AND STAYED ALERT...
I WAS TROUBLED AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO BECAUSE YOU HADN'T EATEN YET.
I WAS SCARED OF YUKINARI AT THE BEGINNING.
BUT SOON I WASN'T SCARED ANYMORE
That's because
BECAUSE YUKINARI WAS ALWAYS SMILING.
I was really happy to be with Barako.

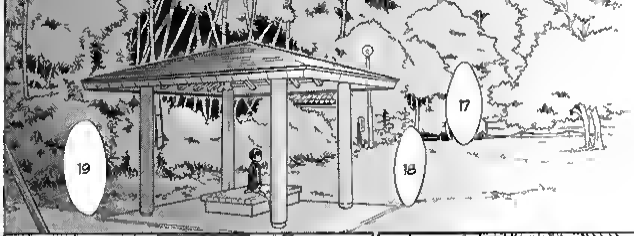
I REALLY WANT TO STAY WITH ALL OF YOU.
I REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO STAY IN THIS HOUSE
BARAKO
AND SAY "WELCOME BACK" TO YUKINARI
CAN'T SEE ANY MORE METEORS,
BUT I WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER WISH.
I WISH THAT WHEN BARAKO DISAPPEARS,
YUKINARI-

Barako
has realized
what
we are
going
to do.
...
YUKINARI
CAN CONTINUE
TO SMILE

but also
a very gentle species.
dangerous species,
she's a really
She's not human,
And my
most
trea-
sured
child.

I'M SORRY
FOR HURTING ALL OF YOU

SAY, EVERY-ONE,
LET'S PLAY.
IT-
IT'S NOT
BARA-KO'S.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE PLAYED TOGETHER OUTSIDE.
LET'S PLAY HIDE AND SEEK
I'LL BE IT.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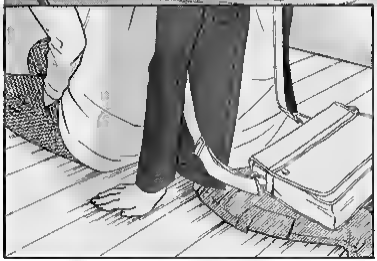

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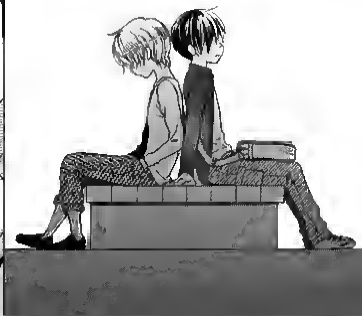
OR SHOULD I SAY,
YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO HIDE

FOUND INORI.

NO.
THAT'S WHY,



I'M AN ACCOMPLICE, TOO, INORI.
That's what I thought back then, too.
I
am no longer alone.
...And you, too,
are not alone.
I'LL TELL THE POLICE EVERYTHING.
THOUGH I DON'T THINK THE ADULTS WILL BELIEVE ME,
BUT I WILL STILL TELL THEM WHAT I DID AND WHAT I MADE BARAKO DO -
EVERYTHING.

LET'S
WATCH THE METEOR SHOWER AGAIN SOME TIME
I'm not sure
if what we're doing is right
or wrong.

Even so,
"There's no way that it's only your responsibility."
"We decided on it together."
"I also said it in the beginning. I will help..."
no matter what happens, if everyone is together,
then we will not be alone anymore.
We will not be alone anymore.

and hadn't met that child,
Since then,
I've thought about it many times.
If, back then, I hadn't taken the first step,
FOUND BARAKO.

future would have
been different.